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Dear Sir:

The claims filed in International Patent Application PCT/EP99/04896 were amended on August 2, 2000. A copy of claims 1-23 as amended on August 2, 2000 is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2-23 and insert the following new claims 24-45.

24. An antimicrobial composition comprising
- (A) a mixture free of polyphenol compounds and benzyl alcohol, said mixture comprising at least two generally recognized as safe flavoring agents and

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